



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

TRAUTMAN, et al.

FOR: MICROBLADE ARRAY
IMPACT APPLICATOR

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 21, 2004, Applicants hereby elect Specie I, which is shown in Figures 1-4. Applicants submit that original Claims 1-22 read on the elected specie.

Applicants further requests that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.